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| IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | <i>Application No.</i> | 10/050,102 |
| | <i>Filing Date</i> | 18 January 2002 |
| | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Norman G. ANDERSON |
| | <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 1634 |
| | <i>Examiner Name</i> | F. Lu |
| | <i>Attorney Docket No.</i> | 2316-150 |
| <i>Title of the Invention:</i> DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS | | |

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002 for one month from December 11, 2002 to January 13, 2002 (Monday). Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

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| RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, | | | | | |
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